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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7320**

**BILL NUMBER: SB 521**

**DATE PREPARED:** Jan 9, 2002

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Student Members on State Board of Education.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill adds two high school students as nonvoting members of the State Board of Education (the Board) and establishes a recommendation committee to recommend students for appointment by the governor.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2002.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The Department of Education would experience a minimal increase in administrative expenses. These expenses can be absorbed within its existing budget.

Under current Indiana law, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction serves as voting member and Chair of the Board. This bill adds two student members to the Board.

Under current Indiana law, members of the Board who are not officers or employees of the State are entitled to an annual salary of \$2,000. In addition, such members are entitled to the minimum salary per diem as provided by IC 4-10-11-2.1 and reimbursement for travel, lodging, meals, and other expenses as provided in the state travel policies and procedures established by the Department of Administration and approved by the State Budget Agency.

Student members of the Board would be entitled to the annual compensation of \$2,000 mentioned above, a per diem of \$26 per day, reimbursement for travel @ \$.345 per mile, and lodging @ \$79 per night. In CY 1999 and CY 2000 the Board met for two days a month in 11 out of 12 months of the year.

If the Board met monthly in a given calendar year, annual compensation and per diem for two additional student members of the Board would total approximately \$5,250 [\$4,000 + (\$104\*12)]. Travel and lodging would depend upon the distance traveled by a student member to and from a Board meeting and would vary between each student member.

The Department would be required to assign an individual from the Department to be part of the Student Member Recommendation Committee. Members of the Committee would receive no compensation.

*Background* - Under current Indiana law, the Board is comprised of ten members in addition to the Superintendent of Public Instruction. (The ten members are appointed by the Governor, one from each of the State's congressional districts.) No more than six of the ten appointed members may be from the same political party, and at least four must be educators.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** High school principals would be required to write letters of recommendation for prospective student applicants for submission to the Board. School corporations would experience a minimal increase in administrative expenses due to this provision of the bill.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Department of Education.

**Local Agencies Affected:** School Corporations.

**Information Sources:** Indiana State Board of Education Website: <http://www.doe.state.in.us/stateboard/>